

## The Strike Situation As It Really Is, And Not As Represented By the Public Press.

On April the 1st, 1910, the miners of the Southwest, as well as all other members of the National Organization of U. M. W. of America, laid down their tools and came out on suspension, awaiting the negotiation of a new contract, the miners asked the operators to meet them in joint Conference in Kansas City to negotiate a new wage scale, the new scale to carry with it the demands of the Cincinnati Convention which is as follows, namely 1st. That the mining price be advanced 3 cents per ton, mine run shooting coal, and 5 cents per ton in the long wall work.

2nd. That the day wage scale yardage, room turning, and dead work be advanced 5.55 per cent.

The price asked by the miners if paid by the operators would not increase the cost on production, in no instance to exceed ten cents on the ton.

This is the operators proposed contract as it applies to Lafayette County.

### CONTRACT.

(a) The rate for pick mining shall be \$1.16 per ton of 2000 pounds for hand picked clean coal which shall include the proper care of the room, viz: pillaring and timbering, handling of all sulphur, dirt and slate (including roof slate six inches and under in thickness) and properly storing same in the gob. Also the building of road walls in the road head rooms.

(b) The rate for loading coal after mining machines shall be 3-5 of the above pick mining price, viz: 69 3-5 cents per ton of 2000 pounds for hand picked clean coal, which also includes the proper care of the room, viz: taking down all coal and slate mined by the machine, pillaring and timbering, handling and properly gobbing all sulphur, dirt and slate (including roof slate six inches and under in thickness) also building road walls in road head rooms.

(c) No dirt, sulphur, clay or slate shall be loaded for hauling out of the mine unless authorized by the mine foreman, and such authority shall cease at his direction.

(d) Except where the operator elects otherwise, the company shall pay nine cents per ton for wheeling to mule or motor junction where the miner or loader will get the empty car.

(e) Corner and rib cutting shall be \$1.13 per yard, miners or loaders to handle all sulphur, dirt or slate (including roof slate six inches and under in thickness); also the building of road walls if necessary the same as in road head rooms. In case miner or loader allows corner or rib to get behind the regular face of coal, he shall catch same up at once when ordered to do so by the mine foreman. Upon failing to do so, he shall forfeit his place.

(f) Entry driving shall be \$2.81 per yard, and miner shall be paid for the coal they from.

(g) At McGrews Graddy mine rock shooting, loading, pulling, dumping, and building permanent road track shall be \$2.44 per yard. Height 5½ feet from top of permanent road rail before bottom is lifted. Bottom lifters shall be \$1.71 per yard loaded, not be considered deficient work. pulled and dumped. At McGrews No. 1 and 2 mines, rock shooting, loading and trimming one side

to receive trolley wire shall be \$2.14 per yard. Height 5½ feet from top of permanent road rail.

At the Western Coal and Mining Company's mine, where entry brushing is taken from both roof and bottom, the price of each shall be \$1.41 per yard, which shall include shooting, loading and delivery of material at the shaft bottom. Height to be not less than five and one half feet from the top of permanent road rail. At Higginsville and Lanning Harris and Company near Wellington, the price for rock shooting and loading shall be \$2.14 per yard for shooting, loading and delivery to the bottom of shaft or drift. Lanning—to pull rock.

(h) Where a five inch cutting machine cuts more than eight inches from bottom of sulphur to bottom of cut, or where a four inch cutting machine cuts more than seven inches from bottom of sulphur to bottom of cut, the company shall clean up all dirt in excess of the eight inches or seven inches, respectively, or pay the miner at the rate of the maximum day wage scale for same. This does not apply where sulphur vary or gets thin in back of out and the machine is run level. The company also agrees to have machine runners to cut as close to the sulphur as possible.

(i) In case the loader does not clean up the place in which he is working the company shall clean up the same at the expense of said loader.

(j) Machine shovelers shall clean up all dirt made by machine and put same into the gob. They failing to do so, the company shall clean it up and charge cost of same to the shovelers.

(k) At Lexington, the price for driving entries through the gob, \$2.53 per yard, entry to be 10 feet wide. This to include lifting of bottom to the rock, not to exceed 24 inches and delivery of all material on cars at shaft bottom or drift pit top, or mule or motor junction, at the option of the operator, also to include the laying of the permanent track. This to include other mines under similar conditions.

(l) The length of rooms shall not be less than thirty-five feet. The company reserves the right to divide the working place among the men working so as to keep the face straight and in proper normal working condition.

(m) In machine mining at the direction of the foreman, leaders shall load other than their own rooms to allow machine to run.

(n) At all new mines 12½ cent per ton extra shall be paid until the mine or any substantial part thereof takes weight after which all extra shall cease on notification by the manager.

(o) In General Provisions (in Ray, Clay, Linn, Lafayette, Leavenworth, and Henry counties when a miners or loaders place falls in after being properly timbered or pillared, it shall be cleaned up promptly either by the miner or loader at the day wage scale or the company, at the option of the foreman. When a miner or loaders place falls in because it has not been properly timbered or pillared by the miner or loader, it shall be cleaned up as above at the miners expense. Broken roof shall not be considered deficient work.

(p) Any employee absenting himself from work with out notifying his foreman shall be sub-

ject to discharge. This does not apply to engineers, firemen, pumpers, machine funners, machine helpers, and fire runners, who shall not absent themselves from work at any time without first having given one days notice, to the mine foreman; failing to give such notice, he shall be subject to discharge.

(q) Drivers shall be compelled to take their mules to and from the stable, harness and undress them on their own time, and where the mules are kept out side of the mine, the distance from the mouth of the slope, drift or shaft which the drivers shall be required to bring his mule shall not be over 5000 feet.)

The operators conceded to pay the 5.55 and the 3 and 5 cent a ton advancement, but the above proposed contract of the operators show that it will reduce the miner 12 and ½ cents on the ton by including the roof slate in the mining price which we were getting paid for at the rate of 32 cents a rail, or in other words eleven cents a ton.

Clause B in the proposed contract is one of many clauses in the operators proposed contract which shows that if accepted by the miners would reduce their wages to the amount above stated.

The Southwest Operators Association are aware that the proposition submitted by the operators representatives from District 14, 21 and 25 provided for a sweeping reduction in the wages of the miners of the Southwest. A review of the proposition submitted will show that the Southwest operators intended to convey to the minds of the people the impression that they were willing to concede the miners an advance in the mining rate, but they did not intend to convey to the minds of the coal consuming public, that it was the intention of the operators to actually reduce the earning power of the mine workers.

Jas. C. Stapleton,  
John McDermott,  
L. W. Cox.

### Great New England Apple Tree.

H. P. Underwood, farmer and fruit raiser of Stow, Mass., has an apple tree that is a worthy rival of the most productive trees in the famous Western apple districts, and is possibly the champion apple tree of New England.

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## The Proper and Improper Uses of Commercial Fertilizers

The amount of fertilizer being sold in Missouri is rapidly increasing. This is due first to the fact, that the soil has begun to show the need of it, second to the fact that the farmers are becoming more familiar with its use, and third to the greater activity of fertilizer manufacturers.

A commercial fertilizer is a concentrated form of one or more of the plant foods nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in a more or less soluble form which is applied to land to increase the amount of available plant food in the soil. It is not an easy matter to determine just what combination of these elements in a fertilizer will bring best returns without field experiments, but ordinarily on soils that are badly worn the most remunerative application is that of a fertilizer containing all three of these elements, since such soils are usually lacking in all three of these available plant foods. The result of applying these elements, therefore, in an available form may be very beneficial and bring a large net return.

A caution should be given regarding the use of fertilizers, however, since it is very common for men who find fertilizers to pay to continue their use year after year growing gain crops without crop rotation, manuring, or the growing of clover. Such a system will exhaust the soil of its humus supply just as rapidly as if the fertilizer had not been used, and if continued will greatly injure the land. As the humus is burned out by this excessive grain cropping the soil becomes more compact, it loses its friable condition, and it will require more and more fertilizers each year to bring the same return. The remedy for this difficulty is not necessary to stop using the fertilizer but rather to combine with the fertilizer the best system of crop rotation, of manuring and of clover and cowpea growing that a man can practice. Where this is done and the land kept up in humus, fertilizers will not only be very beneficial and pay excellent net returns, but they will also be of no harm whatever to the land. Fertilizers properly used, therefore, will be of great value, but where the fertilizers alone is depended upon for a crop and all the other principles of keeping up fertility are neglected, the land will be eventually injured.

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Dave Ball after attending a Pike county "celebration" recently, came out in the open and announced his candidacy for Governor. The announcement was embellished with many adjectives, a Cannon, and a platform of hell-fire, damnation and destruction was at once enunciated. Dave is another "harmonizer" of the Reed stripe. He too "withdrew" from several campaigns for Governor—after the nominations went to his various opponents, and we presume he, like Mr. Reed, also "withdrew" to promote harmony.—Boonville Weekly Advertiser.

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